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Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 17, 2011, the Commission received a petition for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Adona post office located in Adona, Arkansas. The petition for review was filed by Bill D. Greene (Petitioner) and is postmarked October 11, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 1, 2011.

Shoshana M. Grove Secretary

Date: October 18, 2011

Attachment



City of Adona

P.O. Box 103 Adona, AR 72001



October 7, 2010

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Office of PAGR

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our post office by a date yet to be provided. This action is being taken after meeting provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 and over our protestations.

We, the customers of Adona, AR Post Office, vigorously protest this action in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the Postal Service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision is to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in noncareer employees handling the mail. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and COD's.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with the Perry, AR Post Office is not our primary objection. This will, however, mean the loss of our identity as a community.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully

Bill D. Greene

Mayor, City of Adona, AR

Attachments 1: Additional Comments

Attachment 2: Comments Concerning the Discontinuance of The Adona,

AR Post Office. By Mayor Bill Greene

ATTACHMENT 1:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

One of our primary concerns with the closing of the Adona, AR Post Office is that this a small rural, economically depressed, poverty level area with primarily retired and elderly citizens. Many of whom also have physical limitations. It is the feeling of this community that this will place unnecessary hardships on the residents. Most do not have the financial means to install proper mailboxes at their residents or the physical means to install them. Does the United States Postal Service (USPS) have any intentions of installing these mailboxes at their expense, not the residence expense?

The community of Adona, AR is not opposed to the consideration of an unmanned facility in our area and the continued use of our existing facility. We would further entertain the possibility of negotiating this matter.

It is our feeling that the Adona, AR Post Office should not be closed until a final determination is made stating that this is being done in accordance with all of the Constitutional requirements. We, as a Community, do not want to see our facility closed and then a determination made that states the USPS does not have the authority to do so. We would also like to have an itinerary, with dates and times, that outlines the process for which all closings will be handled. It is also, requested that a full disclosure of the factors that were considered for this facility to be closed. This should not include the wages of a Postmaster that has not been in place since July 31, 2010. This should be considered a full audit of the rulings that were made determining Adona, AR Post Office to be a non-viable facility.

COMMENTS CONCERNING

THE DISCONTINUANCE OF

THE ADONA AR POST OFFICE

BY: MAYOR BILL GREENE

CITY OF ADONA

RE: DOCKET NUMBER 1352399-72001

Date of Posting: 06/07/2011

Date of Removal: 08/08/2011

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE ADONA, AR POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the Adona Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Adona Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 06/07/2011 through 08/08/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Adona Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

JACKIE STUBITSCH 420 NATURAL RESOURCES DR LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205-4100

For more information, you may call JACKIE STUBITSCH at (501) 228-4171 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

SARAH CAMNON

AZO NATURAL RESOURCES DR

LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205-4100

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the ADONA

Post (Office.		
1.	Effect on Your Postal Services. Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal service		
	See comments	3	
2.	Effect on Your Community. Please describe you believe the proposal would have on your c		
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3.	Other Comments. Please provide any other vi Postal Service should consider in deciding whe		
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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE ADONA, AR POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

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DOCKET NUMBER 1352399 - 72001

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Adona, AR Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Perry Post Office, located six miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on July 31, 2010. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: The Adona Post Office is in close proximity to several other offices. This office is VACANT. This office earns 1.68 hrs per day.

The Adona Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 07:30 - 15:45 Monday - Friday, 07:30 - 10:15 Saturday and lobby hours of 24 on Monday - Friday and 24 on Saturday to 99 post office box or general delivery customers and 143 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 10 transaction(s) accounting for 10 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$12,770 (33 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$12,532 (33 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$13,519 (35 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On May 24, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Adona City Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 33 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On May 12, 2011, 242 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Adona Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Adona Post Office. 72 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 2 favorable, 65 unfavorable, and 5 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Perry Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Perry Post Office are from 8:00 to 4:00, Monday through Friday, and 8:00 to 11:00 on Saturday. There are 258 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

1.	Concern:	Customer expressed a concern about relocating the retail/box section to Perry as opposed to Casa.
	Response:	This was looked at very carefully and even though the mail originates in Casa, with a change to the truck schedule, this can/will be done, if closing the Adona Post Office is approved.
2.	Concern:	Customers asked why their Post Office was being discontinued while others were retained.
	Response:	Post Offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.
3.	Concern:	Customers felt inclement weather and poor road conditions might impede delivery.
	Response:	Both Inclement weather and heavy mail volume can cause deviations from the normal delivery schedule. However, the carrier is required to provide a vehicle of adequate size, equipped with necessary equipment (chains or snow tires, warning lights or signs, etc.) to serve the route safely and efficiently and in accordance with federal, state, and local motor vehicle laws and regulations.
4.	Concern:	Customers were concerned about a possible address change.
	Response:	There will be no change in customer addresses.
5.	Concern:	Customers were concerned about mail security.
	Response:	Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal

daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

7. Concern:
Response:

8. Concern:
Response:

9. Concern:
Response:

Response:

Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or Centralized Box Units. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the Post Office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

Customers felt the route should emanate from Perry because that office is closer

The customer expressed a question about where the route should emanate from. The delivery route has been carefully reviewed to ensure that the most cost-efficient service is provided. We can change the route to originate out of Perry

Customers said they would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the Adona Post Office

The customer stated that you would miss the special attention and assistance provided by the personnel at the suspended Post Office. Courteous and helpful service will be provided by personnel at the administrative Post Office and from the carrier. Special assistance will be provided as needed

Customers were concerned about mail security

The customer expressed a concern about the security of mail. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

Customers were concerned about senior citizens

The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

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Some advantages of the proposal are:

The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post 1.

office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.

Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail. 2.

Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for

3. customers.

CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient 4.

parcel delivery for customers.

Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.

5. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mall. 6.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided 1. by the rural or contract delivery carrier.

Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not

necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.

A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A

carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Adona is an unincorporated community located in Perry County. The community is administered politically by Adona City Council. Police protection is provided by the Perry Co Sherrifs Office. Fire protection is provided by the Adona Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of retirees, commuters, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Corinth Missionary Baptist Church P.O. Box 4 Adona, AR 72001 Grace Baptist Church P.O. Box 84 Adona, AR 72001 Adona Methodist Church C/o Reva Parish 142 Wades Xing Rd Adona, AR 72001 Gideon's International C/O Gary Worm 242 Wades Crossing Rd. Adona, AR 72001 Dorothy's Beauty Shop C/O Dorothy Moore P.O. Box 17 Adona, AR 72001, Cypress Creek Blue Grass Park C/o Wayne Everett P.O. Box 46 Adona, AR 72001 MVPA C/O Evelyn Harless 1279 Ada Valley Road Adona, AR 72001 Adona City Hall P.O. Box 103 Adona, AR 72001 Adona Volunteer Fire Dept. P.O. Box 101 Adona, AR 72001 J and M Farm 1863 Hwy 10 West Adona, AR 72001 J and R Farm P.O. Box 1 Adona, AR 72001 Kallem Hill Farm c/o Kallem Hill P.O. Box 72 Adona, AR 72001 Evans Sod Farm c/o Jimmy Ray Evans 345 Wades Xing Rd Adona, AR 72001 Cody's Sod Farm 11 Pine Grove Lane Perry, AR 72125 Cody's Trucking P.O. Box 113 Adona, AR 72001 Tucker Farms P.O. Box 154 Adona, AR 72001 Fowler Farm P.O. Box 157 Adona, AR 72001 Gates Farm P.O. Box 51 Adona, AR 72001 Gary's Dozer 242 Wades Crossing Rd. Adona, AR 72001 M & R Logging C/O Murphy West 904 West Hallow Rd. Adona, AR 72001 West Logging C/O Michael West P.O. Box 57 Adona, AR 72001 Just B & D's C/O Bill and Donna Greene P.O. Box 66 Adona, AR 72001. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Adona Post Office will be available at the Perry Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Perry Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

Concern:

Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.

Response:

A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Community name and ZIP Code in addresses.

Based on the Information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster retired on July 31, 2010. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. .

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$45,479 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA) Fringe Benefits @ 33.5% Annual Lease Costs	\$ 33,168 \$ 11,111 <u>+</u> \$ 1,200
Total Annual Costs Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	\$ 4 5,479 <u>- \$ 0</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 45.479</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Adona, AR Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Perry Post Office, located six miles away.

The postmaster retired on July 31, 2010. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Adona Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 99 PO Box or general delivery customers and 143 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 10. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$45,479 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Adona Post Office and Perry Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal, it is not a final determination to close this post office, if a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.

SARAH CANNON	Date	
Just Cannon	06/07/2011	

STATEMENT

The meeting held at the Adona Community Building on May 24, 20011 with representatives of the USPS and community residents (postal customers) did not meet the format of a public hearing and should have.

- 1. Written request by USPS submitted to Mayors office. Agreed date and time set.
- 2. Media advertisement and public posting. Invitation to public.
- 3. Media invitation by USPS with press release stating full intended purpose of the meeting
- * See attachment Media release

Proposal to close The Adona AR Post Office

Comments

J. COMMENT -RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service proposing to close the Adona AR Post Office is a step backwards and all the retail services provided by the Post Office cannot not be provided by the rural route service because that rural carrier cannot know what services are going to be required each day.

The postmaster position at Adona AR became vacant when the postmaster retired on July 31, 2010 and not being filled does not lie with the postal customers but does reflect back on the failure of the USPS. The OIC has operated the Adona AR Post Office effectively and efficiently and at an unnoted savings by the USPS to the USPS.

The Adona Office being studied for possible closing or consolidation should be looked at in a different manner: The Adona Post Office geographically is a more sensible location. It is 9 miles from Perryville AR Post Office and is midway between Perry AR and Casa AR. It should be noted that the Perry Post Office is only three miles from the Perryville AR Post Office and does not have a postmaster at this time either. Rural route service radiating from Adona could prove to be more cost effective and time saving.

The next two paragraphs are noted by the commenter.

The paragraph on meeting – see Statement and Attachment.

The paragraph on Perry Post Office is noted.

Concern and response paragraphs; are noted.

Some advantages of the proposal are: 1 thru 6 are noted.

Answer: As stated moving service s from a post office to a rural carrier is not a progressive step forward but a step backwards and We have provided information that shows that this proposal needs to have further review and that USPS needs to meet with the Adona Mayor to address other options.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are: are noted.

It appears the Postal Service has failed to look carefully at all the information that is available and that they have not taken into consideration the concerns of the public and the postal customers and there should not be a rush to reduce the effectiveness of postal services by removing the Post Office from the smaller communities and Cities.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Adona is an Incorporated City (not an unincorporated community). Adona AR is a city of the second class the same as the City of Perryville AR. Adona AR is administered by A Mayor, City Council form of government.

All other information is dully noted.

Nonpostal services provided by The Adona Post Office are important to the community and the City and should remain in the city .

The following nonpostal concern was expressed on the returned questionnaire, at the community meeting, on the petition and on the congressional inquiry.

Concern: Customers express concern for loss of community identity.

Response: As Mayor, anytime I talk with someone about the potential loss of the Post Office in Adona, loss of identity comes up. Why? Because the post office is part of the communities identity, part of its history. The Town grew with the post office and the post office grew with the Town.

How can the USPS obtain information that tells that organization that discontinuance of a post office in any community will not adversely affect that community? when the questionnaires, the postal service /customer meetings, newspaper articles from across the country and the Mayors and congressional leadership all indicate and say it will .

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEE

That loss of a job should be of utmost importance to the USPS. Why add to the already overwhelming job crisis and adversely affect the life of this one postal employee.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service has failed to take into consideration saving that have already occurred in the operation of the Adona AR Post Office with the PMR/OIC employee.

I would think the Postal Service would recognize the potential long term savings using this type of employee in more Postal Service facilities.

V. OTHER FACTOR

It would appear to me that the Postal Service has failed to recognize another factor. The combined cost of the Yearly lease and operational cost sof the Perry AR and Casa AR Post Offices. The Adona AR Post Office modular building could be modified to easily accommodate expanded postal operations and offer greater savings still for the Postal Service.

A site would be available to the Postal Service for such an operation at no cost to the Postal Service.

Contact: Mayor Greene for more information or further discussion.

V. SUMMARY

In these comments it has been pointed out that in the USPS effort to close Post office operations without drawing to much attention by using terms like expanded access, consolidation, discontinuing and optimizing, they have made mistakes like improperly held meetings, lack of facts and information and consideration of other money savings options, rather than closing.

The Postal Services agenda is to close small urban and rural post offices and you can be assured this is all a part of larger plan and we can be sure that we will be hearing more about "rightsizing and the "Retail Optimization Initiative."

What about the articles and speeches that repeat the Postal Services line, just because a post office is on a list doesn't mean it will ultimately close. Ok, then, why is there a list.

The USPS need to take another look at their information study to more closely. There are other options available.

The City of Adona AR and leaders of our community are committed working with USPS to save our Post Office. Lets work together to save the Postal Service money and save the Adona AR Post Office, Its part of the American Legacy.

VII. NOTICES

A copy of this packet has been forwarded to the following offices:

Congressman Tim Griffin

2nd District Arkansas

1501 North University, Suite 150

Senator Jason Rapert

Little Rock, AR 72207

18th District

State Capitol

Little Rock, AR 72201

Senator John Boozman

Arkansas

U.S. Senate

1401 W. Capitol Ave., Plaza F

Little Rock, AR 72201

Local News Media outlets

Respectfully submitted:

Bill D. Greene

Mayor, City of Adona AR

8-5-11

Media release:

On Tuesday, May 24, at 5:30pm an unannounced public hearing was held in the Adona CommunityBuilding, Adona, Arkansas. The meeting was conducted by Patti Robinson, Manager of Postal Operations Arkansas District of the United States Postal Service also in attendance was Sarah Cannon, Manager of Postal Operation Area 1, Sarah took notes during the proceeding.

In reporting on this meeting, let me first state my concern about this having been an unannounced public hearing.

The mayor was contacted by our local Postal Service OlC/PMR (Office In Charge/ Post Master Replacement) with a request to reserve the Community building for a meeting with the Postal Service on the aforementioned date and time. However there was never a follow up, requesting that a Open Public Hearing be held. Nor was there a request that the Mayor post such Notice. I also been advised by members of our local Media (Radio and Newspaper) that they were not notified of the meeting. (I have later been advised that the USPS does have certain protocols for holding Public Hearing that apparently were not followed.)

Attending the meeting: No less than thirty members of the community and Honorable Senator Jason Rapert 18th District, Tim Riley representing the Honorable Senator John Boozmans office.

At the meeting Mayor Greene as a general courtesy introduced USPS representative Pattie Robinson and turned the meeting over to her. (There was no agenda or outline of topics or talking points provided for those attending)

Robinson stated that the UPSP was involved in an ongoing reviews a Post Office such as Adona's. The Postal Service has responded aggressively to dramatic decrease in mail volume, and is looking at such things as each office's financial situation, proximity to other post offices, consolidation of services, consolidation of mail processing operations and adjusting carrier routes. Robinson indicated that USPS regularly reviews and evaluate post office operations in a continuing effort to meet customer needs and to improve services and productivity, increase efficiency and cut cost while saving money.

"We do not have a List of post offices that are set for closure." USPS

The public as whole wanted to know:

Why should Adona's Post be closed? Why do we not have a Postmaster? Where would we go to pick up our mail or to obtain a post office box? Would I be converted to rural route service? Will I have the same quality of service from rural service as I do at the post office (one on one)? What about important package delivery that also include medicines and medical supplies? What about the lose of identity (the post office serves as a gathering place for friends and neighbors, as well as the place to have a post office box, sign for certified mail, mail packages, buy mailing supplies, in the community you call home)? When you talk about cutting cost, What about the cost to residents of this community in terms of service, extra expense and inconvenience of driving to another post office, and the possible loss of income for the OIC/PMR from the Adona post office?

Robinson addressed each of the question, but in most cases not to the satisfaction of those asking the questions and in some case did not have the information needed.

Robinson did state that there are some 2000 post offices nationwide have been selected for closing but until the review is complete that she nor anyone else would not have all the answers. She did indicate that if a post office was chosen there was a 57 step process for the closing of that post office, but at this time "there is nothing set in stone with regarding the closing of the Adona Post Office.

At the writing of this report, information that has been requested by the Adona Mayor's office from the office of, Patti Robinson, Manager of Marketing, Arkansas, USPS, has not been received and could not be reported on.

I am please to announce the that I have received a letter from Congressman Tim Griffin and I quote from his letter of June 2, 2011.

Dear Mayor Greene,

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the possible closure of the Adona Post Office. According to Patti Robins, United Sates Postal Service (USPS) they are the process of Performing a study to decide whether or not they will close your post office.

According to several constituents of Adona, it would be a major inconvenience to commute for mail service. My office spoke with the USPS regarding this concern and they stated that in the event a closure occurs, they will move Adona residents postal boxes to the Perry Post Office rather than Casa.

I understand how important your post office is to the Adona community. Please do not he sitate to Contact my office anytime we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Tim Griffin Member of Congress

A special thanks to Congressman Tim Griffin, Senator Jason Rapert, Senator John Boozman for there concerns and efforts on behalf of our community in this matter.

Lets all join together in this effort to save our Post Office.